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**Subject:** REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT - AB 159

Sent on behalf of Presiding Judge Richard T. Fields

Please - need your assistance in preparing letters of support. AB 159, legislation that will create additional trial court judgeships and authorize the conversion of up to 162 subordinate judicial positions into judgeships, is in danger of being put in a suspense file indefinitely. The Riverside County Superior Court is slated to receive 7 new judgeships from AB159.

The bill has already passed the Assembly and the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is now on the calendar of the Senate Appropriations Committee, whose members will review and vote on the bill in the next few weeks.

Given the strong concerns expressed by legislative leadership over the diversity in recent judicial appointments, it is imperative that legislators hear from the justice community members and county residents regarding the critical need for these judgeships and the benefits they will bring to Riverside County.

Instructions for Letters of Support for AB 159

Please prepare a letter of support for AB159, addressing the letter to Senator Torlakson, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Attached is a sample letter that you may use. Try to keep the letter to just one page. Also attached is a fact sheet on AB159.

1. By this Friday (8/3/07) at 5pm, please fax a copy of your letter to Ms. Luz Bobino in the AOC's (Administrative Office of the Courts) Office of Governmental Affairs in Sacramento. Her fax number is 916-323-4347. Staff from the AOC will deliver faxed copies to the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. (This can be the copy for Kathleen Howard at the AOC.)

Instead of faxing your letter, you can scan a copy of the letter (adobe pdf format) and e-mail it to Ms. Bobino. Her e-mail address is:

[luz.bobino@jud.ca.gov](mailto:luz.bobino@jud.ca.gov)

2. Follow up by sending cc copies of the letter to the other members of the Senate Appropriations Committee via US mail. A list of the members and their addresses is attached (excel file).

3. Also send a copy of your letter to the Riverside County legislators in the US mail. Attached is a listing of their names/addresses. Please note that Senators Battin and Dutton will receive the letter as members of the Senate Appropriations Committee.